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## WHAT ONE SMALL HEAD KNOWS.

### The Weight of Dead Facts Stored in the Pigeon-Holes of Memory.

Take the animal world, for example—the creatures themselves, and not their names—and look at the diversity of cats and dogs, goats and sheep, beetles and butterflies, soles and shrimps, that even the ordinary unlearned man knows and recognizes, and mostly remembers.

Narrow the question down to dogs alone, and still you get the same result. Consider the St. Bernards and mastiffs, the pugs and bulldogs, the black and tans and King Charles, the sheep dogs and the deer hounds, the shivering little Italian greyhounds and the long dachshunds that you buy by the yard. Every one of these, and countless others, has got to have its cell all to itself in the classificatory department of the human brain, and I suppose another cell for its name in the portion specially devoted to language also. Add to these the plants, flowers, fruits, roots, and other well-known vegetable products whose names are familiar to almost everybody and what a total you have got at once! A good botanist, to take a more specific case, knows (in addition to a stock of general knowledge about equivalent on the average to any body else's) the names and natures of hundreds and thousands of distinct plants, to say nothing about innumerable small peculiarities of stem, and leaf, and flower, and seed in every species and variety among them all.

No, the mere bare weight of dead facts with which everybody's memory is stored and laden defies the possibility of reckoning and pigeon-holing. Make your separate dockets ever so tiny, reduce them all to their smallest dimensions, and yet their will not be room for all of them in the human brain. The more we think on it the more will the wonder grow that one small head can carry all that the merest infant knows.—Grant Allen in the Gentleman's Magazine.

### Curious Psychological Phenomenology.

During a certain period of my life I suffered from frequent syncope, and I had the opportunity of observing on myself the psychological phenomenology of the return to consciousness. During syncope there is absolute psychological non-existence, total absence of all consciousness; then one begins to have a vague, unlimited, infinite feeling, a feeling of existence in general without any delineation of one's own individuality without the least trace of any distinction between the ego and the non-ego; one is then "an organic part of nature," having the consciousness of the fact of one's existence, but having none of the fact of his organic unity; one has, in a word, an impersonal consciousness. This feeling may be agreeable if the syncope is not due to violent pain, and very disagreeable if it is; this is the only possible distinction, one feels that he is living and enjoying, or living and suffering without knowing why he enjoys or suffers, and without knowing the seat of this sentiment.—Professor A. Herzon in Journal of Medical Science.

### A Little Girl Uncovers a Skeleton.

Three families of social, commercial and religious distinction live in the same block at one of the north side avenues. People who live across the street have long suspected that there was a chord out of tune in the distinctive set. A little girl let the secret out. There was a collision in the street. The carriage of one of the families first mentioned suffered severely and the occupants were thrown out. One was the lady of the brown-stone front. She received a slight injury and was assisted to one of the little grass plots that fringed the sidewalk, where she swooned from excitement, but quickly recovered. Let her family name be Smith. The people across the street noticed that none of the set in the block came out to give relief or assistance. When it became apparent that there was no occasion for any alarm this little girl, who is responsible for the story, came out of her house, and approaching the lady who had met with the accident, said, in her truthful child way, "Why, Mrs. Smith—is it you? We thought it was the Joneses!"—Chicago Herald.

### When a Pugilist Has Had Enough.

"Is there any way of forcing men to fight after they have had enough and want to quit?"

"None but talking to them," replied the old sport. "You may nerve a man up by encouraging him, or you may shame him into going ahead rather than be thought a coward, or you may make him desperate by telling him how everybody will go back on him if he does not show game, but if all these fails there is nothing more to be done. If the car is in him he will not fight, and you can not force him to. You might bite chunks out of him, and the car would endure all rather than fight if he once gets a terror on him of the man that is pitted against him and feels that he has got enough. You may even shove him out into the ring, and he will stand up to be knocked down, without putting up his hands to defend himself, if he has car blood in him and it has been waked up!"—New York Sun.

### Usefulness of the Newspapers.

How useful are the newspapers to make men contented with their times! Of course it is said that they inflame people who would otherwise be initiated by something else, but then how magnificent they make life to other kinds of vanity! Here is the young woman who has married the rich man, and lives a dull, disgusted existence and the newspaper refers to her as the exquisite Mrs. Jewshap. All that day she is perfectly happy, and she buys an edition of the paper and sends it around. So with the man who has the big picture that cost \$27,000; the principal joy he gets out of it is having it referred to about once a year as his property.—"Gath's" Letter.

### Heat Sufficient to Kill Germs.

From recent experiments by Dr. Parsons on the disinfection of clothes and bedding by heat, the conclusion is reached that the germs of the ordinary infectious diseases can not withstand an exposure of an hour to dry heat of 230 degrees Fahrenheit, or an exposure of five minutes to boiling water or steam of 212 degrees.—Arkansas Traveler.

### Outdoor Employment for Women.

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